

Infinitary Modal Logic and Generalized Kripke Semantics

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This paper deals with the *infinitary* modal propositional logic \mathbf{K}_{ω_1} , featuring countable disjunctions and conjunctions. It is known that the *natural* infinitary extension $\mathbf{LK}_{\omega_1}^{\square}$ (here presented as a *Tait-style* calculus, $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^{\sharp}$) of the standard sequent calculus \mathbf{LK}_p^{\square} for the propositional modal logic \mathbf{K} is *incomplete* w.r. to Kripke semantics. It is also known that in order to axiomatize \mathbf{K}_{ω_1} one has to add to $\mathbf{LK}_{\omega_1}^{\square}$ new initial sequents corresponding to the infinitary propositional counterpart BF_{ω_1} of the Barcan-formula. We introduce a generalization of Kripke semantics, and prove that $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^{\sharp}$ is sound and complete w.r. to this *generalized* semantics. By the same proof strategy, we show that the stronger system \mathbf{TK}_{ω_1} , allowing *countably infinite* sequents, axiomatizes \mathbf{K}_{ω_1} , although it provably doesn't admit cut-elimination.

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1. Introduction

Let \mathbf{LK}_p be the propositional fragment of Gentzen's sequent calculus for classical logic. As is well-known (more or less since the mid 1950's, see e.g. [5]), the sequent calculus \mathbf{LK}_p^{\square} obtained by adding to \mathbf{LK}_p the inference rule

$$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \varphi}{\square \Gamma \Rightarrow \square \varphi} \mathbf{K} \quad (\text{where } \square \Gamma := \{\square \psi \mid \psi \in \Gamma\})$$

provides an adequate axiomatization of the minimal normal propositional modal logic \mathbf{K} , semantically defined as the set of all modal formulas which are valid in every Kripke frame. Furthermore, this axiomatization satisfies the subformula property, since it is not difficult to verify that \mathbf{LK}_p^\square admits cut-elimination. Of course, the same does hold for the corresponding multimodal system $\mathbf{LK}_p^{\square_A}$ based on an arbitrarily fixed set A of agents — below, we will identify without limitations A with the set of natural numbers ω .

Let us now move on to consider the *infinitary* (multi)modal version \mathbf{K}_{ω_1} of \mathbf{K} . In its language, featuring the infinitary connectives \bigvee (*countable* disjunction) and \bigwedge (*countable* conjunction) in place of the corresponding finitary connectives \vee and \wedge , many interesting infinitary modal operators (typically fix-points operators) become directly *definable* — for instance that of *common knowledge*, \mathbf{C} :

$$\mathbf{C}\varphi := \bigwedge \{ \mathbf{E}^n \varphi \mid n \geq 1 \}$$

where $\mathbf{E}\varphi$ (*everyone knows, that* φ) is defined as

$$\mathbf{E}\varphi := \bigwedge \{ \square_i \varphi \mid i < \omega \}$$

and

$$\mathbf{E}^n \varphi := \overbrace{\mathbf{E} \dots \mathbf{E}}^n \varphi$$

It is however a known fact (see e.g. [6], [8], [10]) that the *natural* infinitary extension $\mathbf{LK}_{\omega_1}^\square$ (or $\mathbf{LK}_{\omega_1}^{\square_\omega}$, in the multimodal version) of the sequent calculus \mathbf{LK}_p^\square ($\mathbf{LK}_p^{\square_\omega}$), which is simply obtained by replacing the rules for \vee and \wedge with their infinitary counterparts

$$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \bigvee \Phi} (\varphi \in \Phi) \qquad \frac{\dots \varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta \dots (all \varphi \in \Phi)}{\bigvee \Phi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}$$

and

$$\frac{\dots \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi \dots (all \varphi \in \Phi)}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \bigwedge \Phi} \qquad \frac{\varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{\bigwedge \Phi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} (\varphi \in \Phi)$$

is not Kripke complete. In particular, the schema

$$(BF_{\omega_1}) \quad \bigwedge \Box \Phi \rightarrow \Box \bigwedge \Phi$$

that is the infinitary propositional counterpart of the famous *Barcan-formula* of quantified modal logic, is trivially *valid* in all Kripke frames, but is not derivable in $\mathbf{LK}_{\omega_1}^\Box$.

Notice that, as a consequence, the basic modal logic of common knowledge \mathbf{KC} (see e.g. [1]) cannot be embedded in $\mathbf{LK}_{\omega_1}^\Box$, since BF_{ω_1} (together with its *converse* CBF_{ω_1} , which is instead derivable in $\mathbf{LK}_{\omega_1}^\Box$), is essentially needed in order to derive the *fixed point axiom* $C\varphi \leftrightarrow E\varphi \wedge EC\varphi$ of \mathbf{KC} :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C\varphi & \leftrightarrow & E^1\varphi \wedge E^2\varphi \wedge E^3\varphi \wedge \dots \\ & & \downarrow \\ & & E\varphi \wedge (E(E^1\varphi) \wedge E(E^2\varphi) \wedge \dots) \\ & & \downarrow_{BF_{\omega_1}} \uparrow_{CBF_{\omega_1}} \\ E\varphi \wedge E(E^1\varphi \wedge E^2\varphi \wedge \dots) & \leftrightarrow & E\varphi \wedge EC\varphi \end{array}$$

Indeed, BF_{ω_1} plays a key role in the axiomatization of \mathbf{K}_{ω_1} . It has been proved by Y. Tanaka ([8]; see also [10]) that the sequent calculus $\mathbf{LK}_{\omega_1}^\Box \oplus BF_{\omega_1}$ — that is, $\mathbf{LK}_{\omega_1}^\Box$ plus all instances of $\Rightarrow BF_{\omega_1}$ as further initial sequents — axiomatizes \mathbf{K}_{ω_1} . A Hilbert-style calculus (\mathbf{KL}_{ω_1}) axiomatizing \mathbf{K}_{ω_1} and featuring BF_{ω_1} as an axiom had been earlier provided by S. Radev in [6].

An alternative route is followed in the present paper. We work with *Tait-style* (i.e. one-sided) sequent calculi — but this is of course not essential — and we hide BF_{ω_1} , so to speak, in the syntax. More precisely, after some preliminaries on the peculiar *NNF*-language we adopt (sect. 2), we consider (sect. 3) the two calculi $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^\sharp$ and \mathbf{TK}_{ω_1} : the essential difference between them is that *sequents* are *finite* (sets of formulas) in $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^\sharp$, whereas they can also be *countably infinite* in \mathbf{TK}_{ω_1} . It is a known fact that this difference doesn't matter as far as non modal infinitary logic is concerned; it does however matter when modal operators are added: while $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^\sharp$ is indeed nothing

but the one-sided version of $\mathbf{LK}_{\omega_1}^\square$, the calculus \mathbf{TK}_{ω_1} turns out to be equivalent to $\mathbf{LK}_{\omega_1}^\square \oplus \mathbf{BF}_{\omega_1}$.

As we said, $\mathbf{LK}_{\omega_1}^\square$ (our $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^\sharp$) is *incomplete* w.r. to Kripke semantics. Yet it is a natural calculus to consider. In sect. 4 we introduce a *generalized* Kripke semantics (*standard* Kripke semantics being but a limit case of the generalized one) and show that, on the one side, $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^\sharp$ is valid w.r. to the generalized semantics while, on the other side, \mathbf{BF}_{ω_1} admits a very simple *generalized* countermodel.

In sect. 5 we prove a *completeness* theorem for $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^\sharp$ w.r. to the *generalized* Kripke semantics, thus providing an adequate relational semantics for this system. Actually, one and the same proof strategy — a suitable adaptation of the familiar canonical model construction — gives also, as a bonus, a smooth completeness proof for \mathbf{TK}_{ω_1} w.r. to *standard* Kripke semantics, which is alternative to the completeness proofs given in [8], [10] for $\mathbf{LK}_{\omega_1}^\square \oplus \mathbf{BF}_{\omega_1}$, and in [6] for \mathbf{KL}_{ω_1} .

The question concerning *cut-free axiomatizability* of \mathbf{K}_{ω_1} is discussed in the concluding sect. 6. In particular, we show by suitable counterexamples that \mathbf{TK}_{ω_1} , as well as some natural variants of this calculus, *do not* admit cut-elimination. As far as we know, only one cut-free axiomatization of \mathbf{K}_{ω_1} is presently available, Tanaka's calculus \mathbf{TLM}_{ω_1} ([9]), whose sequents are *trees of standard sequents*. The cut-elimination theorem for \mathbf{TLM}_{ω_1} is however proved only semantically.

2. The infinitary modal language $\mathcal{L}_{\omega_1}^\square$

The alphabet of our infinitary multimodal propositional language $\mathcal{L}_{\omega_1}^\square$ comprises the symbols:

- $p_0, \tilde{p}_0, p_1, \tilde{p}_1, p_2, \tilde{p}_2 \dots$: denumerably many propositional atoms and negated propositional atoms (*literals*);
- $\bigwedge, \bigvee, \square_i, \tilde{\square}_i$ ($i < \omega$): logical operators.

We denote by Lit (Lit^+) the set of all (positive) literals.

The *formulas* of the language $\mathcal{L}_{\omega_1}^\square$ are generated starting from the literals by applying as usual the modal operators \square_i and

$\tilde{\Box}_i$ ($i < \omega$), and by forming *countable* disjunctions (\bigvee) and conjunctions (\bigwedge).

More precisely, the set \mathbf{FM} of all $\mathcal{L}_{\omega_1}^\Box$ -formulas is the least fixed-point of the monotone operator F such that

$$F(X) = X \cup \{\Box_i x \mid x \in X, i < \omega\} \cup \{\tilde{\Box}_i x \mid x \in X, i < \omega\} \\ \cup \{\bigwedge Z \mid Z \subseteq X, |Z| \leq \omega\} \cup \{\bigvee Z \mid Z \subseteq X, |Z| \leq \omega\}$$

Equivalently,

$$\mathbf{FM} = \bigcup_{\alpha < \omega_1} \mathbf{FM}^\alpha$$

where \mathbf{FM}^α ($\alpha < \omega_1$) is defined by transfinite induction as follows:

- (i) $\mathbf{FM}^0 = \text{Lit}$,
- (ii) $\mathbf{FM}^{\beta+1} = F(\mathbf{FM}^\beta)$,
- (iii) $\mathbf{FM}^\lambda = \bigcup_{\beta < \lambda} \mathbf{FM}^\beta$ (where λ is a limit ordinal).

The notion of *subformula* of a formula is defined as usual.

Notational conventions 2.1. Henceforth, the lower-case Greek letters φ, ψ, χ , possibly with indices, are used as metavariables for formulas. Capital Greek letters $\Gamma, \Delta, \Phi, \Psi, \dots$ will range over *countable subsets* of \mathbf{FM} , while capital Roman letters C, D, \dots will range over *finite subsets* of \mathbf{FM} .

Notice that the connective ‘ \neg ’ is not contained in the alphabet of $\mathcal{L}_{\omega_1}^\Box$; officially, $\mathcal{L}_{\omega_1}^\Box$ -formulas are always in *negation normal form*. It is however convenient to introduce *negation* in the metalanguage. The map

$$\varphi \in \mathbf{FM} \mapsto \neg\varphi \in \mathbf{FM}$$

is defined inductively in the natural way:

- (i) $\neg p_k := \tilde{p}_k, \quad \neg \tilde{p}_k := p_k,$
- (ii) $\neg \Box_i \psi := \tilde{\Box}_i \psi, \quad \neg \tilde{\Box}_i \psi := \Box_i \psi,$
- (iii) $\neg \bigwedge \Psi := \bigvee \{\neg \psi \mid \psi \in \Psi\}, \quad \neg \bigvee \Psi := \bigwedge \{\neg \psi \mid \psi \in \Psi\}.$

Thus $\neg\neg\varphi$ and φ are syntactically identical (notation: $\neg\varphi \equiv \varphi$). Observe that φ need not be a subformula of $\neg\varphi$.

Notational conventions 2.2.

- $\Phi, \psi := \Phi \cup \{\psi\}; \quad \Phi, \Psi := \Phi \cup \Psi; \quad \dots;$
- $\neg\Phi := \{\neg\varphi \mid \varphi \in \Phi\};$
- $\varphi \wedge \psi := \bigwedge\{\varphi, \psi\}; \quad \varphi \vee \psi := \bigvee\{\varphi, \psi\};$
- $\varphi \rightarrow \psi := \neg\varphi \vee \psi;$
- $\top := \bigwedge \emptyset; \quad \perp := \bigvee \emptyset;$
- $\Box_i \Phi := \{\Box_i \varphi \mid \varphi \in \Phi\}; \quad \widetilde{\Box}_i \Phi := \{\widetilde{\Box}_i \varphi \mid \varphi \in \Phi\}.$

Note that $\neg\top \equiv \perp$ and $\neg\perp \equiv \top$.

We conclude the present section by introducing one further notion, which however will not be used until sect. 5.

Consider a *countable* set Γ of formulas: as \mathbf{FM} is uncountable, there exists an ordinal $\alpha < \omega_1$ such that $\Gamma \subseteq \mathbf{FM}^\alpha$. This justifies the following

Definition 2.3 (Environment). Let Γ be a *countable* subset of \mathbf{FM} :

- (i) $\mathbf{rk}(\Gamma) :=$ the least *limit* ordinal $\lambda < \omega_1$ s.t. $\Gamma \subseteq \mathbf{FM}^\lambda$;
- (ii) $\mathcal{E}[\Gamma] := \mathbf{FM}^{\mathbf{rk}(\Gamma)}.$

We call $\mathcal{E}[\Gamma]$ the *environment* of Γ .

Lemma 2.4. For every countable set Γ of formulas, its environment $\mathcal{E}[\Gamma]$ has the following properties:

- (1) $\mathcal{E}[\Gamma]$ is countably infinite;
- (2) $\mathcal{E}[\Gamma]$ is closed under subformulas and under negation;
- (3) $\mathcal{E}[\Gamma]$ is closed under *finite* conjunctions and disjunctions, as well as under \Box_i and $\widetilde{\Box}_i$ ($i < \omega$);
- (4) for each formula $\psi \in \mathcal{E}[\Gamma]$ and $\bigwedge \Phi \in \mathcal{E}[\Gamma]$, and for every $i < \omega$, the formula $\Box_i \bigwedge \{\psi \vee \varphi \mid \varphi \in \Phi\}$ belongs to $\mathcal{E}[\Gamma]$.

Proof. It is easily verified that, for any $\beta < \omega_1$, \mathbf{FM}^β satisfies (1)–(2), and that \mathbf{FM}^β also satisfies (3)–(4) whenever β is a limit ordinal. The conclusion follows by Definition 2.3. \square

3. Tait-style infinitary modal calculi

As anticipated in the introductory section, we work with *Tait-style* sequent calculi. Along with the peculiar *NNF*-syntax of our language $\mathcal{L}_{\omega_1}^\square$, this format allows a considerable economy and elegance in the presentation of the proof systems under investigation.

The sequents to be derived are therefore not the usual *two-sided* sequents, but rather *one-sided* sequents, that is *sets of formulas*, having a *disjunctive* reading in the intended interpretation¹.

A choice concerning the *cardinality of sequents* must however be taken right from the start: shall we confine to *finite* sequents only? Or shall we allow countably *infinite* sequents too?

As far as infinitary classical *truth-functional* logic is concerned, it makes no essential difference which of the two alternatives we adopt (see e.g. [2]). Indeed, let us start by considering three Tait-style *non modal* propositional calculi $\mathbf{T}_{\omega_1}^\sharp$, $\mathbf{T}_{\omega_1}^*$ and \mathbf{T}_{ω_1} , whose inference rules² are shown in Figures 1, 2 and 3.

$\mathbf{T}_{\omega_1}^\sharp$ derives *finite* sets of formulas, whereas both $\mathbf{T}_{\omega_1}^*$ and \mathbf{T}_{ω_1} derive *countable*, possibly infinite sets of formulas (recall the Notational conventions 2.1). Modulo this difference $\mathbf{T}_{\omega_1}^\sharp$ and $\mathbf{T}_{\omega_1}^*$ have the “same” inference rules; on the other side, $\mathbf{T}_{\omega_1}^*$ and \mathbf{T}_{ω_1} differ only in the \vee -introduction rule³. Notice also

¹In a classical environment, there is an obvious correspondence between two-sided and one-sided sequents. ‘ $\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta$ ’ \rightsquigarrow ‘ $\neg\Gamma, \Delta$ ’, and ‘ Γ ’ \rightsquigarrow ‘ $\neg\Gamma_1 \Rightarrow \Gamma_2$ ’ for each partition (Γ_1, Γ_2) of Γ .

²Where formulas are of course intended to belong to the \square_i - and $\tilde{\square}_i$ -less fragment \mathcal{L}_{ω_1} of $\mathcal{L}_{\omega_1}^\square$. **Caution:** in all the calculi under consideration in this paper sequents are *sets*, not *multisets*. This means that *contraction* is hidden in the logical inference rules: the principal formula of an inference may occur as a side formula in the premise(s); e.g.

$$\frac{C, \varphi \vee \psi, \psi}{C, \varphi \vee \psi} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\Gamma, \Phi, \bigvee \Phi}{\Gamma, \bigvee \Phi}$$

are instances of **OR**, respectively **OR**⁺.

³Of course, because of the presence of the rule **W**, the rule **OR** is a derived rule in \mathbf{T}_{ω_1} .

Figure 1. $\mathbf{T}_{\omega_1}^\sharp$

$$\begin{array}{c}
\frac{}{p, \neg p} \text{ID } (p \in \text{Lit}^+) \quad \frac{C}{C, D} \text{W} \quad \frac{C, \varphi \quad D, \neg \varphi}{C, D} \text{CUT} \\
\\
\frac{C, \varphi}{C, \bigvee \Phi} \text{OR } (\varphi \in \Phi) \quad \frac{\dots C, \varphi \dots (all \varphi \in \Phi)}{C, \bigwedge \Phi} \text{AND}
\end{array}$$

Figure 2. $\mathbf{T}_{\omega_1}^*$

$$\begin{array}{c}
\frac{}{p, \neg p} \text{ID } (p \in \text{Lit}^+) \quad \frac{\Gamma}{\Gamma, \Delta} \text{W} \quad \frac{\Gamma, \varphi \quad \Delta, \neg \varphi}{\Gamma, \Delta} \text{CUT} \\
\\
\frac{\Gamma, \varphi}{\Gamma, \bigvee \Phi} \text{OR } (\varphi \in \Phi) \quad \frac{\dots \Gamma, \varphi \dots (all \varphi \in \Phi)}{\Gamma, \bigwedge \Phi} \text{AND}
\end{array}$$

Figure 3. \mathbf{T}_{ω_1}

$$\begin{array}{c}
\frac{}{p, \neg p} \text{ID } (p \in \text{Lit}^+) \quad \frac{\Gamma}{\Gamma, \Delta} \text{W} \quad \frac{\Gamma, \varphi \quad \Delta, \neg \varphi}{\Gamma, \Delta} \text{CUT} \\
\\
\frac{\Gamma, \Phi}{\Gamma, \bigvee \Phi} \text{OR}^+ \quad \frac{\dots \Gamma, \varphi \dots (all \varphi \in \Phi)}{\Gamma, \bigwedge \Phi} \text{AND}
\end{array}$$

that the generalized cut-rule with countably many premises

$$\frac{\Gamma, \Phi \quad \dots \neg \varphi, \Delta \dots (all \varphi \in \Phi)}{\Gamma, \Delta} \text{CUT}^+$$

is admissible (as a derived rule) in \mathbf{T}_{ω_1} ; actually \mathbf{T}_{ω_1} is equivalent to the calculus obtained from $\mathbf{T}_{\omega_1}^*$ by replacing the rules OR^+ and CUT with the rules OR and CUT^+ , respectively.

It is immediately verified that

- (1) for an arbitrary formula φ , the sequents

$$\varphi, \neg\varphi \quad \text{and} \quad \top$$

are cut-free derivable in any of these calculi, the latter through a vacuous application of the AND rule;

- (2) for every C and Γ ,

$$\mathbf{T}_{\omega_1}^\sharp \vdash C \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{T}_{\omega_1}^* \vdash C \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{T}_{\omega_1}^* \vdash \Gamma \Rightarrow \mathbf{T}_{\omega_1} \vdash \Gamma$$

In fact, also the second arrow in (2) above can be reversed and, in a sense to be specified, the three calculi are *equivalent*. Let us write

- ‘ $\models_{\omega_1} \Gamma$ ’ to mean that $\bigvee \Gamma$ is truth-functionally valid: for every valuation $\mathbf{v} : \text{Lit}^+ \longrightarrow \{0, 1\}$ there is some $\varphi \in \Gamma$ such that $\mathbf{v}(\varphi) = 1$ (\mathbf{v} being extended from positive literals to arbitrary \mathcal{L}_{ω_1} -formulas in the natural way);
- ‘ $\vdash_0 \Gamma$ ’ to mean that Γ is *cut-free derivable*.

Then the relations between the three calculi, their soundness and semantic completeness, as well as the cut-elimination property for $\mathbf{T}_{\omega_1}^\sharp$, can be summarized as follows on the basis of known results.

Proposition 3.1. Let C be a finite set of \mathcal{L}_{ω_1} -formulas, and $\{\Gamma_1, \dots, \Gamma_n\}$ be a finite, possibly empty set of countable sets of \mathcal{L}_{ω_1} -formulas. Then the following are equivalent:

- (1) $\mathbf{T}_{\omega_1}^\sharp \vdash_0 \bigvee \Gamma_1, \dots, \bigvee \Gamma_n, C$
- (2) $\mathbf{T}_{\omega_1}^\sharp \vdash \bigvee \Gamma_1, \dots, \bigvee \Gamma_n, C$
- (3) $\mathbf{T}_{\omega_1}^* \vdash \Gamma_1, \dots, \Gamma_n, C$
- (4) $\mathbf{T}_{\omega_1} \vdash \Gamma_1, \dots, \Gamma_n, C$
- (5) $\models_{\omega_1} \Gamma_1, \dots, \Gamma_n, C$

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2), (3) \Rightarrow (4), (4) \Rightarrow (5): trivial.

(2) \Rightarrow (3): straightforward, because $\mathbf{T}_{\omega_1}^* \vdash \neg \bigvee \Gamma, \Gamma$.

(5) \Rightarrow (1): completeness and cut elimination for $\mathbf{T}_{\omega_1}^\#$ are proved in [7]. \square

Notice that the syntactic proof of cut-elimination for $\mathbf{T}_{\omega_1}^\#$ given in [7] can be easily adapted to $\mathbf{T}_{\omega_1}^*$ and \mathbf{T}_{ω_1} (see e.g. [3]; cp. also [4] and [2]).

Let us now extend the above calculi with modal inference rules, with the aim of capturing — by means of an adequate infinitary Tait-style calculus — the infinitary modal propositional logic determined by the class of all Kripke frames, i.e. the infinitary version \mathbf{K}_{ω_1} of the (multi)modal system \mathbf{K} . Taking into account the need for a preliminary choice concerning the cardinality of sequents, we shall consider on the basis of the previous investigation the three candidates $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^\#$, $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^*$ and \mathbf{TK}_{ω_1} shown in Figure 4.

Figure 4. $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^\#$, $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^*$ and \mathbf{TK}_{ω_1}

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^\# &:= \mathbf{T}_{\omega_1}^\# + \frac{\neg C, \varphi}{\neg \Box_i C, \Box_i \varphi} \mathbf{K}_i^\# \quad (i < \omega) \\
 \mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^* &:= \mathbf{T}_{\omega_1}^* + \frac{\neg \Gamma, \varphi}{\neg \Box_i \Gamma, \Box_i \varphi} \mathbf{K}_i \quad (i < \omega) \\
 \mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1} &:= \mathbf{T}_{\omega_1} + \frac{\neg \Gamma, \varphi}{\neg \Box_i \Gamma, \Box_i \varphi} \mathbf{K}_i \quad (i < \omega)
 \end{aligned}$$

The present scenario turns out to be radically different from the previous (non modal) one: now the alternative “finite vs countable sequents” does matter! Indeed, we have:

- (a) $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^\#$ admits cut-elimination, but is *incomplete* (though clearly sound) w.r. to Kripke semantics;

- (b) $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^*$ too admits cut-elimination and is *incomplete* (although clearly sound) w.r. to Kripke semantics; but it is not equivalent to $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^\sharp$ in the sense in which $\mathbf{T}_{\omega_1}^\sharp$ and $\mathbf{T}_{\omega_1}^*$ are equivalent according to Proposition 3.1;
- (c) \mathbf{TK}_{ω_1} is instead *sound and complete* w.r. to Kripke semantics; yet it provably doesn't admit cut-elimination.

As to point (a), a syntactic proof of cut-elimination for $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^\sharp$ can be obtained by adapting Tait's proof of the cut-elimination theorem for $\mathbf{T}_{\omega_1}^\sharp$ ([7], see also [9]) — the same does hold for $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^*$. The semantical incompleteness of $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^\sharp$ follows in turn as a consequence of cut-elimination, because of the following easily verifiable facts:

Fact 3.2. The schema (“*Barcan Formula*”)

$$(BF_{\omega_1}) \quad \bigwedge \Box_i \Phi \rightarrow \Box_i \bigwedge \Phi,$$

or, as a finite sequent, $\neg \bigwedge \Box_i \Phi, \Box_i \bigwedge \Phi$

is valid in every Kripke model⁴.

Fact 3.3. The instance

$$\neg \bigwedge \{\Box_i p_n \mid n < \omega\}, \Box_i \bigwedge \{p_n \mid n < \omega\}$$

of BF_{ω_1} has no *cut-free* derivation in $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^\sharp$.

Notice that BF_{ω_1} is (cut-free) derivable in \mathbf{TK}_{ω_1} as follows:

$$\frac{\cdots \left\{ \frac{}{\neg \Phi, \varphi} \text{ ID, W } \right\} \cdots (\varphi \in \Phi)}{\neg \Phi, \bigwedge \Phi} \text{ AND}$$

$$\frac{\neg \Box_i \Phi, \Box_i \bigwedge \Phi}{\neg \bigwedge \Box_i \Phi, \Box_i \bigwedge \Phi} \text{ K}_i$$

$$\frac{}{\neg \bigwedge \Box_i \Phi, \Box_i \bigwedge \Phi} \text{ OR}^+$$

On the other side, the “*converse Barcan Formula*”

$$\Box_i \bigwedge \Phi \rightarrow \bigwedge \Box_i \Phi$$

⁴See the next section.

is derivable already in $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^\sharp$:

$$\frac{\dots \left\{ \frac{\neg\varphi, \varphi}{\neg \bigwedge \Phi, \varphi} \text{OR} \right\} \dots (\varphi \in \Phi)}{\neg \square_i \bigwedge \Phi, \bigwedge \square_i \Phi} \text{AND}$$

As to point (b), it is immediate to verify that $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^\sharp$ and $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^*$ derive the same *finite* sequents,

$$(3.1) \quad \mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^\sharp \vdash C \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^* \vdash C \quad \text{for every } C,$$

like the corresponding non modal calculi. Hence BF_{ω_1} is not derivable in $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^*$ as well. On the other side, contrary to Proposition 3.1,

$$(3.2) \quad \mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^* \vdash \Gamma \not\Rightarrow \mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^\sharp \vdash \bigvee \Gamma$$

For instance, let $\Psi := \{\neg \square_i p_0, \neg \square_i p_1, \neg \square_i p_2 \dots, \square_i \bigwedge_{n < \omega} p_n\}$. Then $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^* \vdash \Psi$

$$\frac{\dots \left\{ \frac{}{\{ \neg p_n \}_{n < \omega}, p_m} \text{ID, W} \right\} \dots (m < \omega)}{\frac{\{ \neg p_n \}_{n < \omega}, \bigwedge_{n < \omega} p_n}{\{ \neg \square_i p_n \}_{n < \omega}, \square_i \bigwedge_{n < \omega} p_n} K_i} \text{AND}$$

but, as a semantic argument in the next section (Fact 4.4) will show⁵, $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^\sharp \not\vdash \bigvee \Psi$.

As to the two claims made in point (c), these will be addressed in section 5, where the semantic completeness of \mathbf{TK}_{ω_1} is proved, and in section 6, where the question concerning the non eliminability of the cut rule in this calculus is discussed. Notice that merely on the basis of what has been established so far, in particular (3.1) and (3.2) above, we already know that $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^*$ is *not closed* under the inference rule OR^+ characteristic of \mathbf{TK}_{ω_1} .

⁵A simple syntactic argument is also at hand, by using Fact 3.3 and (see below) point (ii) in the proof of Proposition 3.4.

We conclude this section by stating a simple equivalence result, by which the key role played in the present context by the Barcan Formula BF_{ω_1} is made fully evident.

Let $\mathbf{TKB}_{\omega_1}^\sharp$ and $\mathbf{TKB}_{\omega_1}^*$ be the calculi obtained from $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^\sharp$, resp. $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^*$, by adding all the instances of BF_{ω_1} as new initial sequents. Then:

Proposition 3.4. For every countable set Γ of formulas, the following are equivalent:

- (1) $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1} \vdash \Gamma$
- (2) $\mathbf{TKB}_{\omega_1}^* \vdash \Gamma$
- (3) $\mathbf{TKB}_{\omega_1}^\sharp \vdash \bigvee \Gamma$

Proof. (2) \Rightarrow (1): obvious, since $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1} \vdash BF_{\omega_1}$.

(3) \Rightarrow (2): it is sufficient to observe that the inversion of \mathbf{OR}^+ is admissible (as a derived rule) in $\mathbf{TK}(\mathbf{B})_{\omega_1}^*$:

$$\frac{\Gamma, \bigvee \Phi \quad \frac{\cdots \left\{ \frac{}{\neg \varphi, \Phi} \text{ID, W} \right\} \cdots (\varphi \in \Phi)}{\neg \bigvee \Phi, \Phi} \text{AND}}{\Gamma, \Phi} \text{CUT}$$

(1) \Rightarrow (3): first of all, observe that for every Γ, Δ, C :

- (i) $\mathbf{TK}(\mathbf{B})_{\omega_1}^\sharp \vdash \neg \bigvee \Gamma, \bigvee (\Gamma \cup \Delta)$
- (ii) $\mathbf{TK}(\mathbf{B})_{\omega_1}^\sharp \vdash \neg \bigvee (\Gamma \cup C), \bigvee \Gamma, C$
- (iii) $\mathbf{TK}(\mathbf{B})_{\omega_1}^\sharp \vdash \neg \bigvee (\Gamma \cup \Delta), \bigvee \Gamma, \bigvee \Delta$

The easy verification is left to the reader.

Next, given a \mathbf{TK}_{ω_1} -derivation $\mathfrak{D} \vdash \Gamma$, we produce a derivation $\mathfrak{D}' \vdash \bigvee \Gamma$ in $\mathbf{TKB}_{\omega_1}^\sharp$ arguing by transfinite induction on the height of $\mathbf{h}(\mathfrak{D}) < \omega_1$ of \mathfrak{D} (which is defined in the natural way) and taking cases according to the final inference R of \mathfrak{D} . The case $R = \text{ID}$ is trivial; the cases $R = \mathbf{W}, R = \text{CUT}$ are easily dealt with using the I.H. together with (i) and (ii) above. Let us spell out the details only for the cases $R = \mathbf{OR}^+$ ($R = \text{AND}$ is similar) and $R = \mathbf{K}_i$.

[$R = \mathbf{OR}^+$]: then, taking into account the possibility that the

principal formula is a side formula in the premise, \mathfrak{D} has the form:

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \Delta, \bigvee \Phi, \Phi \end{array}}{\Delta, \bigvee \Phi} \text{OR}^+$$

We obtain $\mathfrak{D}' \vdash \bigvee(\Delta \cup \{\bigvee \Phi\})$ in $\mathbf{TKB}_{\omega_1}^\#$ as follows:

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \text{ I.H.} \\ \bigvee(\Delta \cup \Phi \cup \{\bigvee \Phi\}) \end{array}}{\bigvee(\Delta \cup \Phi), \bigvee \Phi} \text{CUT with (ii)} \\ \frac{\quad}{\bigvee \Delta, \bigvee \Phi} \text{CUT with (iii)} \\ \frac{\quad}{\bigvee(\Delta \cup \{\bigvee \Phi\}), \bigvee \Phi} \text{CUT with (i)} \\ \frac{\quad}{\bigvee(\Delta \cup \{\bigvee \Phi\})} \text{OR}$$

$[R = K_i]$: then \mathfrak{D} has the form:

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \neg \Delta, \varphi \end{array}}{\neg \Box_i \Delta, \Box_i \varphi} K_i$$

We obtain $\mathfrak{D}' \vdash \bigvee(\neg \Box_i \Delta \cup \{\Box_i \varphi\})$ in $\mathbf{TKB}_{\omega_1}^\#$ as follows:

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \text{ I.H.} \\ \bigvee(\neg \Delta \cup \{\varphi\}) \end{array}}{\neg \bigwedge \Delta, \varphi} \text{CUT with (ii)} \\ \frac{\quad}{\neg \Box_i \bigwedge \Delta, \Box_i \varphi} K_i^\# \\ \frac{\bigvee \neg \Box_i \Delta, \Box_i \bigwedge \Delta \quad \neg \Box_i \bigwedge \Delta, \Box_i \varphi}{\bigvee \neg \Box_i \Delta, \Box_i \varphi} \text{CUT} \\ \frac{\quad}{\bigvee(\neg \Box_i \Delta \cup \{\Box_i \varphi\}), \Box_i \varphi} \text{CUT with (i)} \\ \frac{\quad}{\bigvee(\neg \Box_i \Delta \cup \{\Box_i \varphi\})} \text{OR}$$

□

4. Generalized (and standard) Kripke frames

As we saw, $\mathbf{TKB}_{\omega_1}^\#$ is *incomplete* w.r. to Kripke semantics. In order to provide this calculus with a (possibly natural) *adequate* semantics, we introduce here a generalization of standard Kripke models.

A *generalized* (multimodal) Kripke frame is a pair

$$\mathbf{G} = \langle W, \{\mathfrak{R}_i\}_{i < \omega} \rangle$$

where W is a non empty set and, for each $i < \omega$, \mathfrak{R}_i is a *non empty family* of binary relations over W which is *downward closed* w.r. to inclusion, i.e. it satisfies:

$$(DD) \quad (\forall R \in \mathfrak{R}_i)(\forall S \in \mathfrak{R}_i)(\exists T \in \mathfrak{R}_i)(T \subseteq R \cap S)$$

Standard Kripke frames are of course a special case of generalized Kripke frames, namely the case in which the family \mathfrak{R}_i reduces to a singleton $\{R_i\}$ — singletons trivially satisfy the condition (DD) — for each $i < \omega$.

When dealing with standard frames and models (see below) we will keep to the familiar way of presentation, by identifying $\{R_i\}$ with R_i . In other words, we write $\mathbf{S} = \langle W, \{R_i\}_{i < \omega} \rangle$ instead of $\mathbf{S} = \langle W, \{\{R_i\}\}_{i < \omega} \rangle$, when \mathbf{S} is standard.

A valuation over a generalized frame \mathbf{G} is, as usual, a map

$$\mathbf{v} : \text{Lit}^+ \longrightarrow 2^W$$

Finally, a *generalized Kripke model* is a triple

$$\mathcal{M} = \langle \mathbf{G}, \mathbf{v} \rangle$$

where $\mathbf{G} = \langle W, \{\mathfrak{R}_i\}_{i < \omega} \rangle$ is a generalized Kripke frame and \mathbf{v} is a valuation over \mathbf{G} .

Given a generalized model $\mathcal{M} = \langle \mathbf{G}, \mathbf{v} \rangle$, an element w of $W_{\mathcal{M}} = W$ and a formula $\varphi \in \text{FM}$, the relation

$$\mathcal{M}, w \models_g \varphi$$

is defined inductively as follows:

- (i) $\mathcal{M}, w \models_g p_k$ iff $w \in \mathbf{v}(p_k)$
- (ii) $\mathcal{M}, w \models_g \tilde{p}_k$ iff $w \notin \mathbf{v}(p_k)$
- (iii) $\mathcal{M}, w \models_g \bigwedge \Psi$ iff $\mathcal{M}, w \models_g \psi$ for each $\psi \in \Psi$
- (iv) $\mathcal{M}, w \models_g \bigvee \Psi$ iff $\mathcal{M}, w \models_g \psi$ for some $\psi \in \Psi$
- (v) $\mathcal{M}, w \models_g \Box_i \psi$ iff there exists a relation $R \in \mathfrak{R}_i$ such that, for every $u \in W$, wRu implies $\mathcal{M}, u \models_g \psi$ ($i < \omega$)

- (vi) $\mathcal{M}, w \models_g \Box_i \psi$ iff for each $R \in \mathfrak{R}_i$ there is a state $u \in W$ such that wRu and $\mathcal{M}, u \not\models_g \psi$ ($i < \omega$)

where ‘ $\mathcal{M}, w \not\models_g \varphi$ ’ is short for ‘*not* ($\mathcal{M}, w \models_g \varphi$)’.

Notice that, for every formula φ , we have

$$\mathcal{M}, w \models_g \neg \varphi \quad \text{iff} \quad \mathcal{M}, w \not\models_g \varphi$$

as expected.

Truth of a formula φ in a generalized model \mathcal{M} , in symbols

$$\mathcal{M} \models_g \varphi$$

as well as *generalized universal validity* of a formula, in symbols

$$\models_g \varphi$$

are defined as usual:

- $\mathcal{M} \models_g \varphi$ iff $\mathcal{M}, w \models_g \varphi$ for all $w \in W_{\mathcal{M}}$;
- $\models_g \varphi$ iff $\mathcal{M} \models_g \varphi$ for all generalized models \mathcal{M} .

All these notions are extended to arbitrary countable sets of formulas Γ according to the following

Notational conventions 4.1.

- $\mathcal{M}, w \models_g \Gamma$ iff $\mathcal{M}, w \models_g \varphi$ for some $\varphi \in \Gamma$;
- $\mathcal{M} \models_g \Gamma$ iff $\mathcal{M}, w \models_g \Gamma$ for all $w \in W_{\mathcal{M}}$;
- $\models_g \Gamma$ iff $\mathcal{M} \models_g \Gamma$ for all generalized models \mathcal{M} .

Caution: note the *disjunctive reading* of $\mathcal{M}, w \models_g \Gamma$!

Standard models now coincide with *generalized models based on standard frames* $\mathbf{S} = \langle W, \{R_i\}_{i < \omega} \rangle$. In fact, as it is immediately seen, in this case the two *non-standard* clauses (v) and (vi) of the above inductive definition become the usual:

- (v)_{st} $\mathcal{M}, w \models \Box_i \psi$ iff $wR_i u$ implies $\mathcal{M}, u \models \psi$ for every $u \in W$ ($i < \omega$)
- (vi)_{st} $\mathcal{M}, w \models \tilde{\Box}_i \psi$ iff there exists a state $u \in W$ s.t. $wR_i u$ and $\mathcal{M}, u \not\models \psi$ ($i < \omega$)

and so the satisfaction relation ' $\mathcal{M}, w \models_g \varphi$ ' boils down to the familiar one ' $\mathcal{M}, w \models \varphi$ '.

Henceforth, when dealing with *standard* models \mathcal{M} , we will drop the index g from ' $\mathcal{M}, w \models_g \varphi$ ' and from all the related notions, including those of Convention 4.1.

Trivially, the three calculi $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^\sharp$, $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^*$ and \mathbf{TK}_{ω_1} are valid w.r. to the standard Kripke semantics. Yet, after having generalized the notions of Kripke frame, Kripke model and universal validity in the way described above, we can easily realize that the soundness of the characteristic *schema*

$$\Box(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\Box\varphi \rightarrow \Box\psi)$$

of the minimal normal modal system \mathbf{K} is *not lost*. As a consequence, we have that the infinitary system $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^\sharp$ is in fact *valid* w.r. to the *generalized* semantics.

Theorem 4.2 (g-Validity for $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^\sharp$).

For every finite set C of $\mathcal{L}_{\omega_1}^\Box$ -formulas:

$$\vdash^\sharp C \quad \Rightarrow \quad \models_g C$$

Proof. It is sufficient to check that the modal rules \mathbf{K}_i^\sharp of $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^\sharp$ preserve truth in any generalized model $\mathcal{M} = \langle W, \{\mathfrak{R}_i\}_{i < \omega}, \mathbf{v} \rangle$; that is, for every $i < \omega$:

$$\mathcal{M} \models_g \{\neg\psi_1, \dots, \neg\psi_n, \varphi\} \Rightarrow \mathcal{M} \models_g \{\neg\Box_i\psi_1, \dots, \neg\Box_i\psi_n, \Box_i\varphi\}$$

So, assume that $\mathcal{M} \models_g \{\neg\psi_1, \dots, \neg\psi_n, \varphi\}$ and suppose, towards a contradiction, that $\mathcal{M} \not\models_g \{\neg\Box_i\psi_1, \dots, \neg\Box_i\psi_n, \Box_i\varphi\}$; then

$$(4.1) \quad \mathcal{M}, w \models_g \Box_i\psi_1, \dots, \mathcal{M}, w \models_g \Box_i\psi_n$$

and

$$(4.2) \quad \mathcal{M}, w \not\models_g \Box_i\varphi$$

for some $w \in W$.

By (4.1), there exist relations $R_1, \dots, R_n \in \mathfrak{R}_i$ such that

$$(4.3) \quad \text{for } 1 \leq k \leq n : \quad (\forall u \in W)(wR_k u \Rightarrow \mathcal{M}, u \models_g \psi_k)$$

Applying the downward directedness condition (DD) to \mathfrak{R}_i , let $T \in \mathfrak{R}_i$ be such that $T \subseteq R_1 \cap \dots \cap R_n$. Then, by (4.3):

$$(4.4) \quad \text{for } 1 \leq k \leq n : (\forall u \in W)(wTu \Rightarrow \mathcal{M}, u \models_g \psi_k)$$

On the other side, it follows by (4.2) and $T \in \mathfrak{R}_i$ that there exists a state $t \in W$ such that

$$(4.5) \quad wTt \text{ and } \mathcal{M}, t \not\models_g \varphi$$

Hence, by (4.4) and (4.5):

$$(4.6) \quad \mathcal{M}, t \not\models_g \{\neg\psi_1, \dots, \neg\psi_n, \varphi\}$$

in contrast with our assumption $\mathcal{M} \models_g \{\neg\psi_1, \dots, \neg\psi_n, \varphi\}$. \square

Now, we show that the Barcan-Formula BF_{ω_1} is not universally valid w.r. to the *generalized* Kripke semantics.

Fact 4.3 (g-countermodel for BF_{ω_1}). $\not\models_g BF_{\omega_1}$.

Proof. Let us consider the generalized Kripke model

$$\mathcal{C} = \langle \mathbb{N}^*, \{\mathfrak{R}_i\}_{i < \omega}, \mathbf{v} \rangle$$

where:

- $\mathbb{N}^* := \mathbb{N} \cup \{*\}$ (the natural numbers plus a new state *);
- for every $i < \omega$, $\mathfrak{R}_i = \mathfrak{R} := \{R_X \mid X \in \text{cof}(\mathbb{N})\}$, where:
 - $\text{cof}(\mathbb{N})$ is the set of all *cofinite* subsets of \mathbb{N} ,
 - $R_X := \{\langle *, n \rangle \mid n \in X\}$;
- $\mathbf{v}(p_n) := \mathbb{N} \setminus \{n\}$, for each $p_n \in \text{Lit}^+$.

The so defined family \mathfrak{R} of relations satisfies the condition (DD) since on the one side cofinite subsets of \mathbb{N} are closed under finite intersection, and on the other side, by definition

$$R_X \cap R_Y = R_{X \cap Y} \in \mathfrak{R} \quad (X, Y \in \text{cof}(\mathbb{N})).$$

Now, for $i < \omega$ we have, by construction, that for each $n \geq 0$:

$$(4.7) \quad (\forall w \in \mathbb{N}^*)(*R_{\mathbb{N} \setminus \{n\}}w \Rightarrow \mathcal{C}, w \models_g p_n)$$

whence

$$(4.8) \quad \mathcal{C}, * \models_g \Box_i p_n$$

Thus

$$(4.9) \quad \mathcal{C}, * \models_g \bigwedge \{\Box_i p_n \mid n < \omega\}$$

On the other side, for every $X \in \text{cof}(\mathbb{N})$ and every $k \in X$:

$$(4.10) \quad *R_X k \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{C}, k \not\models_g p_k$$

Hence

$$(4.11) \quad \mathcal{C}, * \not\models_g \Box_i \bigwedge \{p_n \mid n < \omega\}$$

We conclude from (4.9) and (4.11) that

$$\mathcal{C} \not\models_g \bigwedge \{\Box_i p_n \mid n < \omega\} \rightarrow \Box_i \bigwedge \{p_n \mid n < \omega\}$$

the latter formula being an instance of BF_{ω_1} . \square

Hence, Theorem 4.2 and Fact 4.3 supplement the underderivability proof of BF_{ω_1} in $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^\sharp$, mentioned in the previous section, with a semantical argument. We can also use the above generalized Kripke model \mathcal{C} , together with Theorem 4.2, to see that the formula $\bigvee \{\neg \Box_i p_0, \neg \Box_i p_1, \neg \Box_i p_2 \dots, \Box_i \bigwedge_{n < \omega} p_n\}$ is not derivable in $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^\sharp$, as claimed without proof in sect. 3. Indeed, by (4.8) and (4.2), we have

Fact 4.4. $\mathcal{C}, * \not\models_g \bigvee \{\neg \Box_i p_0, \neg \Box_i p_1, \neg \Box_i p_2 \dots, \Box_i \bigwedge_{n < \omega} p_n\}.$

In conclusion, observe that the results mentioned in point (b) of section 3 show that $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^*$ is *not* sound w.r. to the generalized Kripke semantics. Of course, both $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^*$ and \mathbf{TK}_{ω_1} are sound w.r. to the narrower class of all the generalized Kripke frames $\mathbf{G} = \langle W, \{\mathfrak{R}_i\}_{i < \omega} \rangle$ satisfying the *countable* downward directedness condition

$$(\text{DD}_{\omega_1}) \quad (\forall \mathfrak{S} \subseteq \mathfrak{R}_i)(|\mathfrak{S}| \leq \omega \rightarrow (\exists T \in \mathfrak{R}_i)(\forall S \in \mathfrak{S})(T \subseteq S))$$

However, *only* \mathbf{TK}_{ω_1} is also *complete* w.r. to this special class of generalized frames. Thus the problem of finding an adequate Kripke-style semantic characterization of $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^*$ remains open.

5. Completeness theorems for $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^\sharp$ and \mathbf{TK}_{ω_1}

We are going to prove, via a *canonical model* technique, a completeness theorem for $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^\sharp$ w.r. to the *generalized* Kripke semantics, and a completeness theorem for \mathbf{TK}_{ω_1} w.r. to the *standard* Kripke semantics. As the reader will see, our proofs of the two results run closely parallel and, in fact, eventually diverge only in one very specific key point.

We start with the common part of the two proofs. The notion of *environment* $\mathcal{E}[\Gamma]$ of a countable set Γ of formulas (see sect. 2) is employed here for the first time. In the following, we will often make a tacit use of Lemma 2.4.

By convenience, let us denote by \mathbf{J} an arbitrarily fixed element of $\{\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^\sharp, \mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}\}$. Recall that the rule **OR** is available also in \mathbf{TK}_{ω_1} as a derived rule.

Definition 5.1. Let $\Gamma \subseteq \mathbf{FM}$:

- (i) $\mathbf{J} \triangleright \Gamma := \mathbf{J} \vdash C$ for some *finite* subset C of Γ ;
- (ii) Γ is **J-consistent** iff $\mathbf{J} \not\vdash \neg\Gamma$;
- (iii) Γ is **J-saturated** iff:
 - (a) Γ is **J-consistent**,
 - (b) $\Gamma \cup \neg\Gamma = \mathcal{E}[\Gamma]$,
 - (c) for all Φ such that $\bigwedge \Phi \in \mathcal{E}[\Gamma] : \Phi \subseteq \Gamma \Rightarrow \bigwedge \Phi \in \Gamma$;
- (iv) Γ is **J-uniform** iff for every Φ such that $\bigwedge \Phi \in \mathcal{E}[\Gamma]$:
if $\mathbf{J} \triangleright \neg\Gamma, \varphi$ for each $\varphi \in \Phi$, then $\mathbf{J} \triangleright \neg\Gamma, \bigwedge \Phi$.

Lemma 5.2. [Saturated sets] Any **J-saturated** set Γ satisfies:

- (1) For all $\varphi \in \mathcal{E}[\Gamma]$, either $\varphi \in \Gamma$ or $\neg\varphi \in \Gamma$, and not both.
- (2) For all $\varphi \in \mathcal{E}[\Gamma]$, if $\mathbf{J} \triangleright \neg\Gamma, \varphi$ then $\varphi \in \Gamma$.
- (3) For all Φ such that $\bigwedge \Phi \in \mathcal{E}[\Gamma]$: $\Phi \subseteq \Gamma$ iff $\bigwedge \Phi \in \Gamma$.
- (4) For all Φ such that $\bigvee \Phi \in \mathcal{E}[\Gamma]$: $\Phi \cap \Gamma \neq \emptyset$ iff $\bigvee \Phi \in \Gamma$.

Proof.

- (1): immediate, by (a) and (b) of Definition 5.1.(iii).
- (2): suppose $\mathbf{J} \vdash \neg C, \varphi$ for some $C \subseteq \Gamma$. If $\varphi \notin \Gamma$ then, by (1), $\neg\varphi \in \Gamma$ and so $D := C \cup \{\neg\varphi\}$ is finite subset of Γ such that

$\mathbf{J} \vdash \neg D$, against the \mathbf{J} -consistency of Γ .

(3): if Φ is such that $\bigwedge \Phi \in \mathcal{E}[\Gamma]$, then also $\Phi \subseteq \mathcal{E}[\Gamma]$ by Definition 2.3 and Lemma 2.4. Suppose now that $\bigwedge \Phi \in \Gamma$, and let $\varphi \in \Phi$: as $\mathbf{J} \vdash \neg \bigwedge \Phi, \varphi$ trivially, we have that $\mathbf{J} \triangleright \neg \Gamma, \varphi$ and so that $\varphi \in \Gamma$ by (2). Hence $\Phi \subseteq \Gamma$. The converse direction is given by (c) of Definition 5.1.(iii).

(4): by (1) and (3), $\bigvee \Phi \in \Gamma$ iff $\bigwedge \neg \Phi \notin \Gamma$ iff $\neg \Phi \not\subseteq \Gamma$ iff $\Phi \cap \Gamma \neq \emptyset$. \square

Fact 5.3 (Distributivity of \vee over \bigwedge).

$$\mathbf{J} \vdash_{(0)} \psi \vee \bigwedge \Phi \leftrightarrow \bigwedge \{\psi \vee \varphi \mid \varphi \in \Phi\}$$

Proof.

$$\begin{array}{c} \dots \left\{ \frac{\frac{\neg \psi, \psi, \varphi}{\neg(\psi \vee \varphi), \psi, \varphi} \text{ AND}}{\neg \bigwedge \{\psi \vee \varphi \mid \varphi \in \Phi\}, \psi, \varphi} \text{ OR} \right\} \dots (\varphi \in \Phi) \\ \hline \frac{\neg \bigwedge \{\psi \vee \varphi \mid \varphi \in \Phi\}, \psi, \bigwedge \Phi}{\neg \bigwedge \{\psi \vee \varphi \mid \varphi \in \Phi\}, \psi \vee \bigwedge \Phi} \text{ OR} \text{ AND} \\ \\ \dots \left\{ \frac{\frac{\neg \psi, \psi, \varphi}{\neg(\psi \vee \bigwedge \Phi), \psi, \varphi} \text{ AND}}{\neg(\psi \vee \bigwedge \Phi), \psi \vee \varphi} \text{ OR} \right\} \dots (\varphi \in \Phi) \\ \hline \neg(\psi \vee \bigwedge \Phi), \bigwedge \{\psi \vee \varphi \mid \varphi \in \Phi\} \text{ AND} \end{array}$$

\square

Notational convention 5.4. For $i < \omega$:

$$\sqrt[i]{\Gamma} := \{\varphi \mid \Box_i \varphi \in \Gamma\}.$$

Lemma 5.5. For every countable set Γ of formulas:

- (1) If Γ is \mathbf{J} -consistent then, for all $\psi \in \mathcal{E}[\Gamma]$, either $\Gamma \cup \{\psi\}$ or $\Gamma \cup \{\neg \psi\}$ is \mathbf{J} -consistent.
- (2) If Γ is \mathbf{J} -saturated and $\Box_i \psi \in \mathcal{E}[\Gamma] \setminus \Gamma$ then $\sqrt[i]{\Gamma} \cup \{\neg \psi\}$ is \mathbf{J} -consistent.
- (3) If Γ is finite, then Γ is \mathbf{J} -uniform.

- (4) If Γ is **J**-uniform then, for every $\psi \in \mathcal{E}[\Gamma]$, $\Gamma \cup \{\psi\}$ is **J**-uniform.

Proof. (1) is immediate by the **CUT** rule, and (3) is trivial.

(2): under the assumptions suppose that $\sqrt[i]{\Gamma} \cup \{\neg\psi\}$ is not **J**-consistent. Then, for some finite set C such that $\Box_i C \subseteq \Gamma$, we have $\mathbf{J} \vdash \neg C, \psi$ and so, by an application of the rule \mathbf{K}^\sharp , $\mathbf{J} \vdash \neg\Box_i C, \Box_i \psi$. Thus $\mathbf{J} \triangleright \neg\Gamma, \Box_i \psi$, and it now follows by (2) of Lemma 5.2 that $\Box_i \psi \in \Gamma$, against the assumption.

(4): assume that Γ is **J**-uniform, and suppose $\mathbf{J} \triangleright \neg\Gamma, \neg\psi, \varphi$ for all $\varphi \in \Phi$. Then $\mathbf{J} \triangleright \neg\Gamma, \bigwedge\{\neg\psi \vee \varphi \mid \varphi \in \Phi\}$ by the **J**-uniformity of Γ , plus the closure properties of environments $\mathcal{E}[\Gamma]$, in particular (4) of Lemma 2.4. The conclusion follows by **CUT** using the sequent $\neg\bigwedge\{\neg\psi \vee \varphi \mid \varphi \in \Phi\}, \neg\psi, \bigwedge\Phi$ which is derivable in **J** by Fact 5.3. \square

Lemma 5.6 (Saturation). Every **J**-consistent and **J**-uniform countable set of formulas Γ can be extended to a countable set $\Gamma^* \supseteq \Gamma$ which is **J**-saturated.

Proof. Assume that Γ is both **J**-consistent and **J**-uniform. First of all, let $\chi_0, \chi_1, \chi_2 \dots$ be an arbitrarily fixed enumeration of the environment $\mathcal{E}[\Gamma]$ of Γ (recall that $|\mathcal{E}[\Gamma]| = \omega$ by (1) of Lemma 2.4).

Define now inductively, for $n \geq 0$, a set $\Gamma_n \subseteq \mathcal{E}[\Gamma]$ provably satisfying:

- (1) Γ_n is **J**-consistent and **J**-uniform;
- (2) $\Gamma \subseteq \Gamma_n \subseteq \Gamma_{n+1}$.

Basis:

- $\Gamma_0 := \Gamma$

Step $\Gamma_k \rightsquigarrow \Gamma_{k+1}$:

Supposing that $\Gamma_0, \dots, \Gamma_k$ have been defined in a way that (1) and (2) are satisfied, consider the formula χ_k . Since Γ_k is **J**-consistent, at least one of the sets $\Gamma_k \cup \{\chi_k\}$ and $\Gamma_k \cup \{\neg\chi_k\}$ must be **J**-consistent by (1) of Lemma 5.5.

— If $\Gamma_k \cup \{\chi_k\}$ is **J**-consistent, we set:

- $\Gamma_{k+1} := \Gamma_k \cup \{\chi_k\}$.
- If $\Gamma_k \cup \{\chi_k\}$ is not **J**-consistent, and so $\Gamma_k \cup \{\neg\chi_k\}$ is **J**-consistent, we set:
 - $\Gamma_{k+1} := \Gamma_k \cup \{\neg\chi_k\}$,
in case χ_k is not of the form $\bigwedge \Phi$ for some Φ ;
 - $\Gamma_{k+1} := \Gamma_k \cup \{\neg\chi_k, \neg\varphi\}$,
in case χ_k is of the form $\bigwedge \Phi$, where $\varphi \in \Phi$ is chosen in a way such that $\Gamma_k \cup \{\neg\bigwedge \Phi, \neg\varphi\}$ is **J**-consistent.

Observe that in the latter case such a formula $\varphi \in \Phi$ always exists. Indeed, otherwise we would have

$$(5.1) \quad \text{for every } \varphi \in \Phi : \mathbf{J} \triangleright \neg(\Gamma_k \cup \{\neg\bigwedge \Phi\}), \varphi$$

and in turn, since $\Gamma_k \cup \{\neg\bigwedge \Phi\}$ is **J**-uniform by (4) of Lemma 5.5 and the fact that Γ_k is **J**-uniform:

$$(5.2) \quad \begin{aligned} &\mathbf{J} \triangleright \neg(\Gamma_k \cup \{\neg\bigwedge \Phi\}), \bigwedge \Phi \\ \text{i.e. } &\mathbf{J} \triangleright \neg(\Gamma_k \cup \{\neg\bigwedge \Phi\}) \end{aligned}$$

against the **J**-consistency of $\Gamma_k \cup \{\neg\chi_k\}$.

Clearly, (1) and (2) are preserved in the step $\Gamma_k \rightsquigarrow \Gamma_{k+1}$. Finally, set:

$$\Gamma^* := \bigcup_{n \geq 0} \Gamma_n$$

Now $\Gamma^* \supseteq \Gamma$ and Γ^* is easily seen to be saturated. Indeed, it is **J**-consistent by (1) and (2), and $\Gamma^* \cup \neg\Gamma^* = \mathcal{E}[\Gamma] = \mathcal{E}[\Gamma^*]$ by construction. As to the last condition, suppose $\bigwedge \Phi = \chi_n \notin \Gamma^*$. Then, by the construction, $\Gamma_{n+1} = \Gamma_n \cup \{\neg\bigwedge \Phi, \neg\varphi\}$ for some $\varphi \in \Phi$; so $\neg\varphi \in \Gamma^*$ and, by **J**-consistency of Γ^* , $\varphi \notin \Gamma^*$. Hence $\Phi \not\subseteq \Gamma^*$. \square

The following Lemma, which makes an essential use of the Barcan Formula, *does hold only* for the calculus \mathbf{TK}_{ω_1} .

Lemma 5.7. Let Γ be a \mathbf{TK}_{ω_1} -saturated set of formulas, and let $\psi \in \mathcal{E}[\Gamma]$ be such that $\Box_i \psi \notin \Gamma$. Then $\sqrt[i]{\Gamma} \cup \{\neg\psi\}$ is \mathbf{TK}_{ω_1} -uniform.

Proof. Under the assumptions, suppose that for each $\varphi \in \Phi$, $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1} \triangleright \neg(\sqrt[i]{\Gamma} \cup \{\neg\psi\}), \varphi$; that is

$$(5.3) \quad \text{for each } \varphi \in \Phi : \quad \mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1} \triangleright \neg\sqrt[i]{\Gamma}, \psi, \varphi$$

Then, by applying **OR** twice, followed by **K_i**, we have:

$$(5.4) \quad \text{for each } \varphi \in \Phi : \quad \mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1} \triangleright \neg\Box_i\sqrt[i]{\Gamma}, \Box_i(\psi \vee \varphi)$$

and, by taking into account that $\Box_i\sqrt[i]{\Gamma} \subseteq \Gamma$:

$$(5.5) \quad \text{for each } \varphi \in \Phi : \quad \mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1} \triangleright \neg\Gamma, \Box_i(\psi \vee \varphi)$$

The set Γ is \mathbf{TK}_{ω_1} -saturated by assumption, and by Lemma 2.4 the formulas $\Box_i(\psi \vee \varphi)$ (for $\varphi \in \Phi$) and $\bigwedge\{\Box_i(\psi \vee \varphi) \mid \varphi \in \Phi\}$ all belong to $\mathcal{E}[\Gamma]$. Thus (5.5), together with (2) and (3) of Lemma 5.2, yields:

$$(5.6) \quad \bigwedge \Box_i\{\psi \vee \varphi \mid \varphi \in \Phi\} \in \Gamma$$

On the other side, we have

$$(5.7) \quad \mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1} \vdash \neg \bigwedge \Box_i\{\psi \vee \varphi \mid \varphi \in \Phi\}, \Box_i(\psi \vee \bigwedge \Phi)$$

which is shown as follows by making use of the fact that BF_{ω_1} is derivable in \mathbf{TK}_{ω_1} (see sect. 3):

$$\frac{\frac{\neg \bigwedge\{\psi \vee \varphi \mid \varphi \in \Phi\}, \psi \vee \bigwedge \Phi}{\neg\Box_i \bigwedge\{\psi \vee \varphi \mid \varphi \in \Phi\}, \Box_i(\psi \vee \bigwedge \Phi)} \text{Fact 5.3}}{\neg \bigwedge \Box_i\{\psi \vee \varphi \mid \varphi \in \Phi\}, \Box_i(\psi \vee \bigwedge \Phi)} \text{K}$$

$$\frac{}{\neg \bigwedge \Box_i\{\psi \vee \varphi \mid \varphi \in \Phi\}, \Box_i(\psi \vee \bigwedge \Phi)} \text{CUT with } BF_{\omega_1}$$

Now (5.6) and (5.7) yield

$$(5.8) \quad \mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1} \triangleright \neg\Gamma, \Box_i(\psi \vee \bigwedge \Phi)$$

It follows by (2) of Lemma 5.2 that $\Box_i(\psi \vee \bigwedge \Phi) \in \Gamma$, and so that $\psi \vee \bigwedge \Phi \in \sqrt[i]{\Gamma}$. Therefore $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1} \triangleright \neg\sqrt[i]{\Gamma}, \psi \vee \bigwedge \Phi$ and finally

$$\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1} \triangleright \neg(\sqrt[i]{\Gamma} \cup \{\neg\psi\}), \bigwedge \Phi$$

using a **CUT** with $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^{(\#)} \vdash \neg(\chi_1 \vee \chi_2), \chi_1, \chi_2$. □

We are now ready to define the *canonical models* for \mathbf{TK}_{ω_1} and $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^\#$. Let

- $SAT_{\omega_1} := \{\Gamma \mid \Gamma \subseteq \text{FM}, |\Gamma| \leq \omega, \Gamma \text{ is } \mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}\text{-saturated}\};$
- $SAT_{\omega_1}^\# := \{\Gamma \mid \Gamma \subseteq \text{FM}, |\Gamma| \leq \omega, \Gamma \text{ is } \mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^\#\text{-saturated}\}.$

Definition 5.8 (\mathbf{TK}_{ω_1} - and $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^\#$ -universal model).

- (1) \mathcal{U}_{ω_1} is the *standard* Kripke model

$$\mathcal{U}_{\omega_1} = \langle SAT_{\omega_1}, \{R_i\}_{i < \omega}, \mathbf{v} \rangle$$

where

- $\Gamma R_i \Delta :\Leftrightarrow \sqrt[i]{\Gamma} \subseteq \Delta \quad (\Gamma, \Delta \in SAT_{\omega_1}, i < \omega);$
- $\mathbf{v}(p) := \{\Gamma \in SAT_{\omega_1} \mid p \in \Gamma\}$ for every $p \in \text{Lit}^+.$

- (2) $\mathcal{U}_{\omega_1}^\#$ is the *generalized* Kripke model

$$\mathcal{U}_{\omega_1}^\# = \langle SAT_{\omega_1}^\#, \{\mathfrak{R}_i\}_{i < \omega}, \mathbf{v} \rangle$$

where

- for $i < \omega$, $\mathfrak{R}_i := \{R_i^C \mid C \subseteq_{\text{fin}} \text{FM}\}$, with
 $\Gamma R_i^C \Delta :\Leftrightarrow \sqrt[i]{\Gamma} \cap C \subseteq \Delta \quad (\Gamma, \Delta \in SAT_{\omega_1}^\#, i < \omega)$
- $\mathbf{v}(p) := \{\Gamma \in SAT_{\omega_1}^\# \mid p \in \Gamma\}$ for every $p \in \text{Lit}^+.$

Note that, trivially,

$$R_i^{C \cup D} \subseteq R_i^C \cap R_i^D \quad \text{and} \quad R_i^{C \cup D} \in \mathfrak{R}_i,$$

so that $\langle SAT_{\omega_1}^\#, \{\mathfrak{R}_i\}_{i < \omega} \rangle$ satisfies the characteristic condition (DD) of a generalized frame.

Theorem 5.9.

- (1) For every $\Gamma \in SAT_{\omega_1}$, for every formula $\varphi \in \mathcal{E}[\Gamma]$:

$$\mathcal{U}_{\omega_1}, \Gamma \models \varphi \Leftrightarrow \varphi \in \Gamma$$

- (2) For every $\Gamma \in SAT_{\omega_1}^\#$, for every formula $\varphi \in \mathcal{E}[\Gamma]$:

$$\mathcal{U}_{\omega_1}^\#, \Gamma \models_g \varphi \Leftrightarrow \varphi \in \Gamma$$

Proof. For both (1) and (2) we argue by (transfinite) induction on (the rank of) φ . The cases $\varphi \in \text{Lit}$ and $\varphi \equiv \bigwedge \Phi, \bigvee \Phi$ are immediate by Definition 5.9 and Lemma 5.2, (3)–(4). The case $\varphi \equiv \Box_i \psi$ requires instead separate arguments for \mathcal{U}_{ω_1} and $\mathcal{U}_{\omega_1}^\#$, see below. Finally, the case $\varphi \equiv \widetilde{\Box}_i \psi$ easily reduces to the previous one by (1) of Lemma 5.2.

$(\mathcal{U}_{\omega_1}) : \varphi \equiv \Box_i \psi.$

$[\Leftarrow]$: immediate by the definition of R_i and the induction hypothesis.

$[\Rightarrow]$: suppose that $\Box_i\psi \notin \Gamma$. Then $\Theta := \sqrt[i]{\Gamma} \cup \{\neg\psi\}$ is \mathbf{TK}_{ω_1} -consistent by (2) of Lemma 5.5 as well as \mathbf{TK}_{ω_1} -uniform by Lemma 5.7. Applying Lemma 5.6 to Θ we find a $\Delta \in SAT_{\omega_1}$ such that $\Gamma R_i \Delta$ and $\psi \notin \Delta$. The conclusion $\mathcal{U}_{\omega_1}, \Gamma \not\models \Box_i\psi$ follows by applying the induction hypothesis.

$(\mathcal{U}_{\omega_1}^\#) : \varphi \equiv \Box_i\psi$.

$[\Leftarrow]$: suppose $\Box_i\psi \in \Gamma$, and let $C := \{\psi\}$. Then $R_i^C \in \mathfrak{R}_i$ and, for every $\Delta \in SAT_{\omega_1}^\#$ such that $\Gamma R_i^C \Delta$ we obviously have $\psi \in \Delta$, and so also $\mathcal{U}_{\omega_1}^\#, \Delta \models_g \psi$ by the induction hypothesis. Hence $\mathcal{U}_{\omega_1}^\#, \Gamma \models_g \Box_i\psi$.

$[\Rightarrow]$: suppose that $\Box_i\psi \notin \Gamma$. To conclude $\mathcal{U}_{\omega_1}^\#, \Gamma \not\models_g \Box_i\psi$ it is sufficient to find, for every finite set C of formulas, a set $\Delta \in SAT_{\omega_1}^\#$ such that $\Gamma R_i^C \Delta$ and $\mathcal{U}_{\omega_1}^\#, \Delta \not\models_g \psi$.

This is done as follows: given C , let $D := (\sqrt[i]{\Gamma} \cap C) \cup \{\neg\psi\}$. D is $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^\#$ -consistent, for otherwise by the rule $K_i^\#$ we would have $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^\# \triangleright \neg\Gamma, \Box_i\psi$ and so by (2) of Lemma 5.2 $\Box_i\psi \in \Gamma$ against the assumption. On the other side, D is finite and so is also $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^\#$ -uniform by (3) of Lemma 5.5. It now follows by Lemma 5.6 that there exists a set $\Delta \in SAT_{\omega_1}^\#$ such that $D \subseteq \Delta$, and so $\Gamma R_i^C \Delta$, as well as $\neg\psi \in \Delta$, $\psi \notin \Delta$, and finally $\mathcal{U}_{\omega_1}^\#, \Delta \not\models_g \psi$ by the induction hypothesis. \square

Corollary 5.10. *For every finite set $C \subseteq \mathbf{FM}$:*

$$\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^\# \not\models C \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathcal{U}_{\omega_1}^\# \not\models_g C$$

Hence $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^\#$ is sound and complete w.r. to generalized Kripke semantics.

Proof. If $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^\# \not\models C$ then $\neg C$ is clearly $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^\#$ -consistent; being a finite set, $\neg C$ is also $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^\#$ -uniform by (3) of Lemma 5.5. Then by Lemma 5.6 there exists a set $\Theta \in SAT_{\omega_1}^\#$ such that $\neg C \subseteq \Theta$, and so also $C \cap \Theta = \emptyset$. It follows by (2) of Theorem 5.9 that $\mathcal{U}_{\omega_1}^\#, \Theta \not\models_g C$. \square

Corollary 5.11. *For every countable set $\Gamma \subseteq \text{FM}$:*

$$\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1} \not\vdash \Gamma \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathcal{U}_{\omega_1} \not\models \Gamma$$

Hence \mathbf{TK}_{ω_1} is sound and complete w.r. to standard Kripke semantics.

Proof. If $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1} \not\vdash \Gamma$ then also $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1} \not\vdash \bigvee \Gamma$. So we can argue as above taking $C = \{\bigvee \Gamma\}$ and using (1) of Theorem 5.9 to conclude that $\mathcal{U}_{\omega_1}, \Theta \not\models \bigvee \Gamma$, hence also $\mathcal{U}_{\omega_1}, \Theta \not\models \Gamma$, for some $\Theta \in \text{SAT}_{\omega_1}$ containing $\bigvee \Gamma$. \square

6. \mathbf{TK}_{ω_1} does not admit cut-elimination

As we anticipated, the CUT rule cannot be eliminated from \mathbf{TK}_{ω_1} . This will be now demonstrated by exhibiting a suitable example of a valid sequent which is not cut-free derivable in the calculus under investigation.

Below, $\{q_n^k \mid k, n \geq 0\}$ is a set of pairwise distinct positive literals. As previously done, we write ‘ \vdash_0 ’ to denote *cut-free* derivability.

Fact 6.1. For every $m \geq 0$ and every $\Phi \subseteq \{q_n^k \mid n \geq 0, k \leq m\}$, if

$$\Theta \subseteq \Delta_\Phi := \neg \Box_i \Phi, \left\{ \bigvee_n \neg \Box_i q_n^k \mid k \geq 0 \right\}, \Box_i \bigwedge_k q_k^k$$

then $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1} \not\vdash_0 \Theta$.

Proof. We argue by transfinite induction on the height $\mathbf{h}(\mathfrak{D})$ of \mathbf{TK}_{ω_1} -derivations \mathfrak{D} .

Let $\tau < \omega_1$. Assume (I.H.) that for no set Θ satisfying the hypotheses there is a \mathbf{TK}_{ω_1} -derivation $\mathfrak{D} \vdash_0 \Theta$ with $\mathbf{h}(\mathfrak{D}) < \tau$. Suppose, by way of contradiction, that for some $m \geq 0$, some $\Phi \subseteq \{q_n^k \mid n \geq 0, k \leq m\}$ and some $\Lambda \subseteq \Delta_\Phi$ there is a cut-free derivation \mathfrak{D} of Λ with $\mathbf{h}(\Lambda) = \tau$. Let \mathbf{R} be the final inference of \mathfrak{D} . Clearly \mathbf{R} must be one of \mathbf{W} , \mathbf{OR}^+ , \mathbf{K}_i .

If $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{W}$ we are immediately in contradiction with the I.H.

If $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{OR}^+$, let $\bigvee_n \neg \Box_i q_n^j$ (for some $j \geq 0$) be the principal formula of the inference and \mathfrak{D}' be the subderivation of the premise Λ' . Then $\Lambda' \subseteq \Delta_{\{q_n^k \mid n \geq 0, k \leq r\}}$, where $r = \max(m, j)$.

Since $\mathbf{h}(\mathfrak{D}') < \tau$, we are in contradiction with the I.H. again. Finally, if $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{K}_i$, it is easily seen that from the subderivation of the premise we would also get a derivation

$$\mathfrak{D}' \vdash \neg \Phi', \bigwedge_k q_k^k$$

for some $\Phi' \subseteq \Phi$. But this is clearly impossible by the boundedness condition on Φ and the soundness of \mathbf{TK}_{ω_1} . \square

Proposition 6.2. The calculus \mathbf{TK}_{ω_1} does not admit cut-elimination. For instance, the sequent

$$\Delta := \left\{ \bigvee_n \neg \Box_i q_n^k \mid k \geq 0 \right\}, \Box_i \bigwedge_k q_k^k$$

is derivable, but *not cut-free derivable*, in \mathbf{TK}_{ω_1} .

Proof. $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1} \not\vdash_0 \Delta$ by Fact 6.1, since $\Delta \equiv \Delta_\Phi$ with $\Phi = \emptyset$. On the other side, Δ can be derived as follows by making use of a **CUT** with an appropriate instance of BF_{ω_1} (which we know being derivable in \mathbf{TK}_{ω_1}):

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \dots \left\{ \frac{\neg q_k^k, q_k^k}{\neg \Box_i q_k^k, \Box_i q_k^k} \mathbf{K}_i \right. \\ \left. \frac{\neg \Box_i q_k^k, \Box_i q_k^k}{\bigvee_n \neg \Box_i q_n^k, \Box_i q_k^k} \mathbf{OR} \right\} \dots (k \geq 0) \end{array}}{\left\{ \bigvee_n \neg \Box_i q_n^k \mid k \geq 0 \right\}, \bigwedge_k \Box_i q_k^k} \text{W, AND} \quad \vdots \quad \frac{\neg \bigwedge_k \Box_i q_k^k, \Box_i \bigwedge_k q_k^k}{\left\{ \bigvee_n \neg \Box_i q_n^k \mid k \geq 0 \right\}, \Box_i \bigwedge_k q_k^k} \mathbf{CUT}$$

\square

We conclude with a further negative result, showing how a *seemingly natural* way out of the difficulty emerging from Proposition 6.2 is in turn doomed to failure.

Let us consider the calculus $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^\circ$ obtained from \mathbf{TK}_{ω_1} by replacing the rule \mathbf{OR}^+ with the stronger (and clearly sound) rule

$$\frac{\Gamma, \{\Phi_m\}_{m \in I}}{\Gamma, \{\bigvee \Phi_m\}_{m \in I}} \mathbf{OR}^\circ \quad (I \text{ countable})$$

by means of which *countably many* disjunctions can be *simultaneously* introduced.

Indeed, the sequent Δ of Fact 6.2 becomes *cut-free derivable* in $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^\circ$:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\dots \neg q_k^k, q_k^k \dots (k \geq 0)}{\{\neg q_k^k \mid k \geq 0\}, \bigwedge_k q_k^k} \text{W, AND}}{\{\neg \Box_i q_k^k \mid k \geq 0\}, \Box_i \bigwedge_k q_k^k} \text{K}_i}{\frac{\{\neg \Box_i q_n^k \mid k \geq 0, n \geq 0\}, \Box_i \bigwedge_k q_k^k}{\{\bigvee_n \neg \Box_i q_n^k \mid k \geq 0\}, \Box_i \bigwedge_k q_k^k} \text{W}} \text{OR}^\circ$$

But unfortunately, a new counterexample to cut-elimination comes out! For $n \geq 0$, let

$$\varphi_n := \begin{cases} \neg \Box_i p_0, & \text{if } n = 0; \\ \bigwedge \{\Box_i p_0, \dots, \Box_i p_k, \neg \Box_i p_{k+1}\}, & \text{if } n = k + 1. \end{cases}$$

Fact 6.3. For every $X \subseteq_{\text{fin}} \omega$, if

$$\Theta \subseteq \Gamma_X := \{\varphi_n\}_{n \geq 0}, \{\neg \Box_i p_m\}_{m \in X}, \Box_i \bigwedge_n p_n$$

then $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^\circ \not\vdash \Theta$.

Proof. As in the proof of Fact 6.2 we argue by transfinite induction on the height of $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^\circ$ -derivations.

Let $\tau < \omega_1$. Assume (I.H.) that for no set Θ satisfying the hypotheses there is a $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^\circ$ -derivation $\mathfrak{D} \vdash_0 \Theta$ with $\text{h}(\mathfrak{D}) < \tau$. Suppose, by way of contradiction, that for some set $X \subseteq_{\text{fin}} \omega$ and some $\Lambda \subseteq \Gamma_X$ there is a cut-free derivation \mathfrak{D} of Λ with $\text{h}(\Lambda) = \tau$. Let \mathbf{R} be the final inference of \mathfrak{D} . Necessarily \mathbf{R} is be one of \mathbf{W} , \mathbf{AND} , \mathbf{K}_i .

If $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{W}$ we are immediately in contradiction with the I.H.

If $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{AND}$, let $\varphi_{j+1} = \bigwedge \{\Box_i p_0, \dots, \Box_i p_j, \neg \Box_i p_{j+1}\}$ (for some $j \geq 0$) be the principal formula of the inference, and let \mathfrak{D}' be the subderivation of the $j + 1$ -th premise Λ' (the one having $\neg \Box_i p_{j+1}$ as secondary formula) of this inference. Then $\Lambda' \subseteq \Gamma_{X \cup \{j+1\}}$, and since $\text{h}(\mathfrak{D}') < \tau$ we are in contradiction with the I.H. again.

If $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{K}_i$, then there would be a finite set $Y = X \cup \{0\} \subseteq \omega$

and a derivation

$$\mathfrak{D}' \vdash \{\neg p_k\}_{k \in Y}, \bigwedge_n p_n$$

which is clearly impossible by the finiteness of Y and the soundness of $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^\circ$. \square

Proposition 6.4. The calculus $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^\circ$ does not admit cut-elimination. For instance, the sequent

$$\Gamma := \{\varphi_n\}_{n \geq 0}, \Box_i \bigwedge_n p_n$$

is derivable, but *not cut-free derivable*, in $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^\circ$.

Proof. $\mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1}^\circ \not\vdash_0 \Gamma$ by Fact 6.3, since $\Gamma \equiv \Gamma_X$ with $X = \emptyset$. On the other side, Γ can be derived (in fact, already in \mathbf{TK}_{ω_1}) by making use of CUT. First of all, we verify:

$$(6.1) \quad \mathbf{TK}_{\omega_1} \vdash_0 \varphi_0, \dots, \varphi_m, \Box_i p_m \quad \text{for each } m \geq 0.$$

This is easily proved by induction on m :

— $m = 0$:

$$\frac{\neg p_0, p_0}{\neg \Box_i p_0, \Box_i p_0} K_i$$

— $m = k + 1$:

$$\frac{\begin{array}{ccc} \text{I.H.} & & \text{I.H.} \\ \varphi_0, \Box_i p_0 & \cdots & \varphi_0, \dots, \varphi_k, \Box_i p_k \end{array} \quad \frac{\neg p_{k+1}, p_{k+1}}{\neg \Box_i p_{k+1}, \Box_i p_{k+1}} K_i}{\varphi_0, \dots, \varphi_k, \bigwedge \{\Box_i p_0, \dots, \Box_i p_k, \neg \Box_i p_{k+1}\}, \Box_i p_{k+1}} W, \text{ AND}$$

Next, using BF_{ω_1} , we obtain the following derivation of Γ in \mathbf{TK}_{ω_1} :

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \dots \left\{ \begin{array}{c} (6.1) \\ \varphi_0, \dots, \varphi_m, \Box_i p_m \end{array} \right\} \dots (m \geq 0) \\ \vdots \end{array}}{\frac{\{\varphi_n\}_{n \geq 0}, \bigwedge_n \Box_i p_n}{\{\varphi_n\}_{n \geq 0}, \Box_i \bigwedge_n p_n} W, \text{ AND} \quad \frac{\neg \bigwedge_n \Box_i p_n, \Box_i \bigwedge_n p_n}{\{\varphi_n\}_{n \geq 0}, \Box_i \bigwedge_n p_n} \text{CUT}} \quad \square$$

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